

1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17  
2 BY JENKINS, BELL, JACOBS, DANDEKAR, MILLER,  
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4 A Concurrent Resolution expressing the State of Iowa's  
5 appreciation of its strong relations with the Republic  
6 of China on Taiwan and urging the establishment of an  
7 Iowa presence in the Republic of China on Taiwan.

8 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the  
9 United States have been important strategic partners  
10 for the past half century; and

11 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan and the  
12 United States share many values and the relationship  
13 between the United States and the Republic of China on  
14 Taiwan has continued to develop over time into a  
15 mutually beneficial relationship, resulting in  
16 progress in the areas of political interaction,  
17 security affairs, trade, investment, culture, and  
18 education; and

19 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan is the  
20 United States' eighth largest trading partner, ninth  
21 largest export market overall, and sixth largest  
22 export market in agricultural goods; and

23 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa, one of the leading  
24 agricultural production areas in the world, has  
25 developed strong economic ties with the Republic of  
26 China on Taiwan, which includes a dynamic trading  
27 partnership with Iowa commodity organizations and  
28 producers of agricultural products, including beef,  
29 pork, corn, and soybeans; and

30 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa and several Iowa cities

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1 have established formal sister state and sister city  
2 relationships with regions and cities in the Republic  
3 of China on Taiwan; and

4 WHEREAS, both the Republic of China on Taiwan and  
5 the State of Iowa are interested in encouraging the  
6 flourishing of this partnership; and

7 WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan has  
8 expressed interest in furthering its relationship with  
9 the State of Iowa by inviting the State of Iowa to  
10 establish a physical presence in the Republic of China  
11 on Taiwan; NOW THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE  
13 SENATE CONCURRING, That the State of Iowa should  
14 consider the possibility of establishing an office or  
15 other physical presence in the Republic of China on  
16 Taiwan to facilitate increased relations; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Iowa Department of  
18 Economic Development shall organize a work group of  
19 public and private organizations interested in  
20 fostering the relationship between the Republic of  
21 China on Taiwan and the State of Iowa to determine the  
22 most mutually beneficial means of establishing such  
23 physical presence and shall report the findings of the  
24 work group to the International Relations Committee of  
25 the Legislative Council by October 1, 2005.

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